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THE LETTERS OF JUNIUS.—Mr. Thurlow Weed contributes the following to the New York Times:

In 1862 the late Mr. Joseph Parkes, a gentleman of large and various information, informed me that he had been for several years devoting his intervals of exemption to a life of Sir Philip Francis, and that his researches would result in disproving the confident assertion of "Junius," in one of his private letters to Woodfall, "that he was the sole depository of his own secret," and that it would "die with him."

The subject was one which interested me much at a period when "Junius" was read more generally and with greater interest than at present. The question as to who "Junius" was, engaged the attention of authors and editors. I had, forty years ago, entered with much zeal into that controversy. Finding me thus sympathetic and familiar with the subject, Mr. Parkes invited me to his apartments at Staple Inn, Holborn, and submitted his manuscript to my perusal. There I passed many charmed hours. The materials for his work were not only ample, but conclusive. They established beyond a doubt, or a cavil, or a peradventure, that Sir Philip Francis was the author of the Letters of Junius.

Twice during these readings, in company with Mr. Parkes, I visited the then venerable and since departed John Taylor, author of "Junius Identified," first published nearly fifty years ago. Mr. Taylor had intended to avail himself of subsequent and cumulative evidence, but on account of his advanced age had cheerfully committed the whole question to Mr. Parkes. These breakfast conversations with Mr. Taylor were exceedingly interesting. His bachelor life, like that of Charles Lamb, was solaced by an aged maiden sister. He had formerly known most of the literary celebrities of the last years of the past and the first years of the present century, and gave us pleasant recollections of their personal characters and habits. Only a few weeks before the sudden death of Mr. Parkes he informed me that he expected to meet the life of Sir Philip Francis to press the then ensuing autumn, and, in pursuance of a previous understanding, I was to arrange for its republication here. Since his death I have heard nothing further about it. The researches he had all been accomplished, and the work had progressed so far toward its completion that no difficulty existed, nor was any such delay necessary. I had expected and hoped that Miss Bessie Parkes, the gifted daughter of my old and cherished friend, (already a distinguished and disciplined writer,) would complete and publish the unfinished work of her honored father—a work on which he had bestowed years of toil, and to the publication of which he looked forward with confidence, in an appreciative and approving popular sense of its value for his reward.

Mr. Peabody's Gifts.—There have been in my inquiries lately made as to the amount of Mr. Peabody's gifts for various charitable purposes. The following is believed to be a correct list of the donations made by the benevolent millionaire during the last few years:

London poor, including exchange,	\$1,800,000
Baltimore, for institute,	1,000,000
Baltimore Historical Society,	20,000
Boston Historical Society,	20,000
South Danvers,	160,000
Danvers,	50,000
Newburyport,	15,000
Georgetown, Mass. for church and library	50,000
Georgetown, D. C.	15,000
Library in Vermont,	5,000
Yale College,	150,000
Harvard College,	150,000
Kenyon College,	25,000
Phillips' Academy,	25,000
Salem East India Company, Lecture, Room and Museum	140,000
Grinnell Expedition,	10,000

Recent donations to the South, which may be increased by the Mississippi bonds,

1,000,000

His family connections, in trust,

1,500,000

The Grinnell expedition was the memorable voyage of Dr. Kane to the Arctic Sea, for which Mr. Grinnell, of New York, furnished the vessel, and Mr. Peabody contributed \$10,000 towards the expenses. The donation to the poor of London is covered at the current rate of exchange at the time it was made into American currency. The value of the Mississippi bonds given the South is not here set down, but their par value, with annual interest, is \$1,100,000. The total of the donations in the above list is \$6,135,000, which the Mississippi bonds will run up to \$7,235,000. Of this sum all but \$1,500,000 has been contributed for public purposes. It is understood that Mr. Peabody has provided for every relation of his own living; the most distant receiving \$50,000, and those nearer \$150,000 each, and we think it can be safely said there is not on record an instance of greater public and private benevolence by any private citizen of any country in the world than that furnished in the princely gifts of George Peabody.—*Phila. Ledger.*

SWERING DEACON.—Deacon A—, while passing through his lot the other day, stooped down to tie his shoe. A net ram which the boys had tam, among other things was taught to regard this posture as extremely offensive. He instantly pitched into the old gentleman and laid him full length in a mud hole. Picking himself up, the deacon discovered the cause of his overthrow, standing in all the cunningness and dignity of a conscious victor. His rage was boundless, and he sated himself with the energetic language. You d—d old rascal! At that moment he caught a glimpse of the benign face of the "minister" peeping through the fence, and he instantly added, "If I may be allowed the expression."

The Italia of Naples announces the death of the famous "brigandess," La Gizzi, who was for some time the terror of the Volturna district. La Gizzi was a tall, muscular woman with beaming brows, covered with a thick mass of black shaggy hair that fell over her shoulders and breast, and was so bloodthirsty that she voluntarily performed the office of executioner on every captive doomed to death by her hand.

COURT NOTICES.

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, on the 4th day of February, 1867, Claiborn K. Mason and William R. Johnson, Jr., plaintiffs, against David P. Bodfish, Alexander Mills, Martin L. Sheldon and A. Grant Childs, joint partners, under the name and style of Bodfish, Mills & Co., and the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company, defendants. In chancery and on attachment.

The object of this suit is to recover of the defendants the sum of \$25,750 75, and to subject bonds to which the defendants, Bodfish, Mills & Co., are entitled, executed by and in possession of the said Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company; also, any stock in said company to which they are entitled, and any other estate or debts due them within the county of Alexandria, to the payment of the said sum.

The defendants, David P. Bodfish, Alexander Mills, Martin L. Sheldon and A. Grant Childs, joint partners, under the name and style of Bodfish, Mills & Co., not having entered their appearance and given security according to the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this State, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy, teste, J. TACEY, Clerk. feb 14—law4w

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, on the 4th day of February, 1867, Herndon K. Bradshaw, plaintiff, against David P. Bodfish, Alexander H. Mills, Martin L. Sheldon and A. Grant Childs, joint partners, under the name and style of Bodfish, Mills & Co., defendants. In chancery and on attachment.

The object of this suit is to recover of the defendants the sum of \$10,000, and to subject bonds to which the defendants, Bodfish, Mills & Co., are entitled, executed by and in possession of the said Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company; also, any stock in said company to which they are entitled, and any other estate or debts due them within the county of Alexandria, to the payment of the said sum.

The defendants, Bodfish, Mills & Co., not having entered their appearance and given security according to the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this State, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy, teste, J. TACEY, Clerk. feb 14—law4w

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, on the 4th day of February, 1867, John P. Johnson vs. Basil Brawner and Malinda, wife, Redman P. Brawner, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan and the heirs of William Brawner, whose names are unknown, defendants. In chancery.

The object of this suit is to obtain a deed for a certain tract of land in the county of Prince William, near Manassas Junction, containing about 102 acres, purchased by the plaintiff of the defendant, Redman P. Brawner, attorney in fact for the defendant, John H. Sullivan.

The defendants, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of Wm. Brawner, whose names are unknown, not having appeared and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this State, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy, teste, M. B. SINGLAI, Clerk. feb 8—law4w

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, February rules, 1867, Richard M. Weir, administrator of John H. Wilcox, deceased, vs. S. J. Hoag, O. W. Hunt and Henry Tyler, in chancery.

The object of this suit is to attach in the hands of the defendants, O. W. Hunt and Henry Tyler, any money in their hands, due or to become due to the defendant, S. J. Hoag, individually or as commissioner for the sale of a house and lot in the town of Providence, in the county of Fairfax, in which said Hoag is complainant and Daniel F. and Sheldon J. Hoag are defendants, to satisfy and pay complainant the sum of \$395, with interest from 1st January, 1857.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant, S. J. Hoag, is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that he appear within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

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Mem.—The object of this suit is to attach the following pieces of land in the county of Fairfax, viz: A tract of land containing 1883 acres near Dranesville, now standing in the name of James W. Farr, and contracted to be sold to the said defendant. Also a piece of land near Dranesville, containing 7 acres, and property of the said defendant, and to satisfy and pay plaintiff the sum of \$1750, with interest thereon from 1st February, 1859, until paid, and the costs of this suit.

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COURT NOTICES.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY COURT. November term, A. Stoddard vs. A. Aldrich. In chancery.

And the Court doth further adjudge and decree that this cause be referred to M. D. Ball, one of the Master Commissioners of this Court, to ascertain and report the several liens, their amounts, priorities, and to whom due, existing on the land, in the bill and proceedings mentioned, and that he ascertain the fee-simple and annual value of said land, and give notice by notice, for at least four weeks, in some newspaper, of the time and place of taking such account, which notice shall be equivalent to personal service on all interested, and that he report his proceedings thereon to the next term of this Court, with any matter he may deem pertinent, and the other party interested may require. An extract—Teste.

P. D. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

Parties interested in the above decree are notified that I will take the accounts thereon, at the place, at Fairfax County House, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of March next. M. DULANY BALL, Comm'r. in Chancery. feb 14—law4w

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, on the 4th day of February, 1867, John W. Stewart, plaintiff, and A. H. Bradt, defendant. In case and upon an attachment.

The object of this suit is to recover from the defendant the sum of \$52.57, with legal interest thereon from the 1st day of July, 1861, till paid, and to subject the two-story frame building and the lot upon which it stands, No. 85, North Henry street, east side, between Queen and Princess streets, Alexandria, Va., to the payment of the said sum.

The defendant not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County. A copy, teste, J. TACEY, Clerk. feb 9—law4w

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, on the 4th day of February, 1867, Daniel Williamson, plaintiff, against Thomas Grayson, defendant. In case and upon an attachment.

The object of this suit is to recover from the defendant the sum of \$815, with legal interest on \$150, from July 1st, 1866, and on the residue from the 1st day of August, 1866, subject to a credit of one hundred dollars, as of the 22nd day of September, 1866, and to subject certain real estate in the city of Alexandria, Va., consisting of a house and lot of ground at Cameron street, intersection of the north side of Cameron street, with the east side of Henry street; and also, a long boat, named "George and Martha," lying at the wharf in front of the city of Alexandria, Va.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

JAMES H. SIMPSON. JAMES R. ATWILL. SIMPSON & ATWILL.

GENERAL AUCTION AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. NO. 4, SOUTH FAIRFAX STREET. We leave to inform the citizens of Alexandria that they are prepared to attend to the sale of Houses, Lots, Household Effects, Horses, Cattle, and all kinds of Merchandise, &c., &c. Returns promptly made. JAS. H. SIMPSON. JAS. R. ATWILL. ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 9, 1866. [Jan 9—

LYTTLETON WITHERS. E. LAWRENCE TOLSON. (Forly, with Z. English.) (of Hough & T. Son.) WITHERS & TOLSON.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in HAY, FEED, FLOUR, &c. (Liberty Hall) No. 87, Cameron st. We, the undersigned, have this day formed a partnership, for the purpose of conducting a wholesale and retail feed business. We will keep constantly on hand all articles in our line, and hope to merit a liberal share of the public patronage. LYTTLETON WITHERS. E. LAWRENCE TOLSON. January 3, 1867. [Jan 5—

P. H. HOFFER. FLOUR, GRAIN AND GROCERY MERCHANT. No. 38, SOUTH UNION STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. Particular attention paid to all consignments. [Jan 2—

T. T. OWIN. J. T. BECKHAM. Formerly of Gwin & Son, Culpeper Co., Va. GWIN & BECKHAM.

FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. No. 6, Union street, ALEXANDRIA, VA. Strict attention given to the sale of Country Produce, and to the purchase of Goods, Flour, Salt, Groceries, &c., &c. [no 19—

LUTHER D. HARRISON. AUCTION AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. NO. 18, NORTH ROYAL STREET. Respectfully solicits consignments. [no 19—

GEO. WASHINGTON. GROCER FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. Office No. 6, Union street, ALEXANDRIA, VA. [no 19—

W. A. SMOOT. FORWARDING & COMMISSION MERCHANT. No. 3, King Street, ALEXANDRIA, VA. Strict attention paid to the sale of all kinds of Produce. [no 19—

CUMBERLAND COAL kept constantly on hand. [no 19—

J. BRODERICK & CO. NO. H. KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. Wholesale Dealers in GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, SALT FISH, &c. [no 19—

Also keep on hand a general assortment of Candles, Tea, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oils, Lamps, and Ship and Naval Stores. All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to customers arriving. Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Transportation Line. [no 19—

J. A. STOUTENBURG. AUCTION AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. [no 19—

Quick returns made for all sales. SALES ROOM NO. 18, KING STREET. [no 19—

Corner of Columbus. GEORGE H. ROBINSON. GROCER, FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. No. 5, UNION ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA. Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of country produce. Goods forwarded promptly. [no 21—

THOMAS PERRY. FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. NO. 8, PRINCE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. Farmers furnished with Guano, Farming Implements, Groceries, &c., at the lowest market rates FOR CASH. [no 25—

OPEN THIS DAY! NEW GOODS! GREAT BARGAINS! [no 25—

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